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	MEMORANDOM FOR THE RECORD
25X1	SUBJECT: Meeting with the Director, National Computer Security Center, National Security Agency
25X1 25X1	1. On 9 April 1987, the undersigned and Deputy Chief, Information Systems Security Division, met with Director, National Computer Security Center
25X1 25X1	(NCSC). is also the Chairman, Subcommittee on Automated Information Systems Security (SAISS). Also attending were Deputy Director, NCSC, and
25 X 1	2. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss my concern about computer hacking into government unclassified (but
25X1 25X1	sensitive) databases. I specifically referred to
25X1	that, at present, there is no formal reporting mechanism to which either government or commercial entities can report such abuses and receive advice and guidance or legal assistance, if requested. We agreed that domestic computer abuse efforts should be appropriately handled by the FBI (there is no question that the FBI is the appropriate focal point for this type of activity). The point that I wanted to stress is there is a need and should be a clearinghouse and formal reporting mechanism for computer abuse activities involving U.S. Government systems.
25 X 1	3. The NCSC currently has a department that collects information concerning technical system vulnerability and has established a formal reporting mechanism for cataloguing this information. Corrective action ("fixes") to known vulnerabilities are made available to customers. A similar type of reporting mechanism should be available, on a national level, for computer abuse cases.

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4. I also brought up another point that I thought the NCSC or the NTISSC could assist this nation in terms of computer security awareness. Past computer abuse cases have indicated that hackers choose the least path of resistance. That is if they find a system that is password protected or where other basic computer security procedures have been implemented, the hacker simply looks for a system that is "wide open." I believe that this approach is typical of the case. Through computer security awareness, formalized instructions and information notices, I believe that unclassified systems could be strengthened through the implementation of good security practices and procedures. In some cases, system managers are not aware of the modus operandi of hackers, and implementing basic, simplistic computer
security procedures could, in fact, foil many hacker attacks.
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5. was of the opinion that both of these
suggestions have merit and intends to discuss the matter with Al Bays, Assistant Director, Technical Services Division, FBI,
to develop a course of action. It is possible that the most
appropriate forum to raise these concerns is through the SAISS
or NTISSC.
6. I also took the opportunity, at this meeting, to present
with the seal of the CIA in follow up to his request at a recent SAISS meeting. The seal was presented on
behalf of the Director of Security with a note from
to
Chief, Information Systems Security Division

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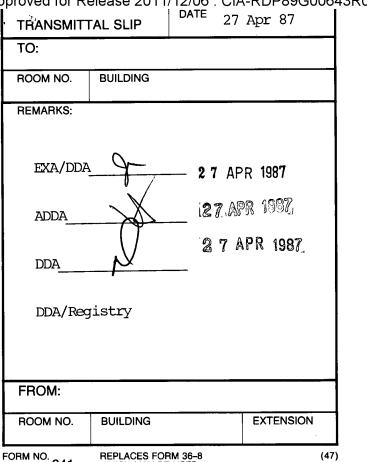
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